

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A device ~~Device~~ for examining filled containers ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ for foreign bodies ~~[[ (26) ]]~~, ~~such as glass splinters,~~ with the device comprising:

a transport apparatus ~~[[ (16) ]]~~ for transporting the containers ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ individually in succession in a row on a plane of transport, ~~with~~ wherein the plane of transport is substantially horizontal and is defined by a top of the transport apparatus;

~~an~~ at least one X-ray source ~~[[ (18) ]]~~ for emitting an X-ray ~~[[ (24) ]]~~ in a predetermined direction, wherein the predetermined direction is inclined by between approximately 10° and approximately 60° to the plane of transport; and

~~with an~~ at least one apparatus ~~(20, 22)~~ for recording the X-rays ~~[[ (24) ]]~~ after they have passed through the containers. ~~[[ (10) ]]~~

~~characterized in that the plane of transport is defined by the top of the transport apparatus (16) and lies horizontal and in that the direction in which the X-rays (24) are emitted from the X-ray source (18) is inclined by between 10° and 60° to the plane of transport.~~

Claim 2 (Currently amended): ~~Device according to~~ The device of claim 1, wherein:  
~~two~~ a first X-ray source and a second X-ray source ~~sources (18) being~~ are provided;  
and

~~the first X-ray source (18) being~~ is arranged above the plane of transport and its X-rays ~~(24) being~~ are directed ~~from above~~ downward towards the plane of transport; and

~~the second X-ray source (18) being~~ is arranged below the plane of transport and its X-rays ~~(24) being~~ are directed ~~from below~~ upward towards the plane of transport.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): ~~Device according to~~ The device of claim 2, wherein:  
the at least one ~~an~~ apparatus (20, 22) for recording the X-rays [(24)] after their passage  
through the containers [(10)] is a member of a plurality of apparatuses for recording the X-  
rays;

one of the plurality of apparatuses is being allocated to each X-ray source [(18)]; and  
the X-rays recorded by the recording apparatuses [(20, 22)] ~~being~~ are compared with  
one another in an evaluation apparatus.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): ~~Device according to~~ The device of claim 2 [(3)], ~~the~~  
~~arrangement being such that~~ wherein the rays of the ~~two~~ first and second X-ray sources [(18)]  
fall onto, respectively, first and second ~~areas separate from each other~~ of the apparatus [(20)]  
for recording the X-rays [(24)].

Claim 5 (Currently amended): ~~Device according to one of claims 1 to 4,~~ The device of  
claim 1, wherein the apparatus for recording the X-rays (24) ~~being~~ is an X-ray image converter  
[(20)] with a downstream ~~CCD~~ digital camera [(22)].

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (New): The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one X-ray source is  
positioned such that a ray course is approximately tangential to a maximum slope of a bulge  
of a bottom of the container.

Claim 9 (New): A method of examining filled containers for foreign bodies, the method comprising:

transporting at least one filled container on a substantially horizontal plane of transport;

passing the container through X-rays having a predetermined direction; and  
recording the X-rays after they pass through the container.

Claim 10 (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the at least one filled container is one of a plurality of filled containers being transported individually in succession in a row on the plane of transport.

Claim 11 (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined direction of the X-rays is inclined by an angle to the plane of transport, the angle measuring approximately between 10° to 60°.

Claim 12 (New): The method of claim 9, wherein:  
the X-rays are generated by at least one X-ray source; and  
the at least one X-ray source is positioned such that a ray course is approximately tangential to a maximum slope of a bulge of a bottom of the container.

Claim 13 (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the X-rays are generated by a first X-ray source positioned above the plane of transport and a second X-ray source positioned below the plane of transport.

Claim 14 (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the step of recording the X-rays after they pass through the container is performed by an X-ray image converter and a digital camera.